

APPROVED: Meeting No. 08-92

ATTEST: *Sharon A. Dean*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 06-92

February 10, 1992

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in General Session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on February 10, 1992, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councilmember David Robbins (Mayor Pro Tem)

Councilmember James F. Coyle

Councilmember Rose G. Krasnow

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

ABSENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan (Family Illness)

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Clerk Sharon Gran and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded, with Councilmember Robbins abstaining, Councilmember Robbins was designated as Mayor Pro Tem for the evening's meeting.

Re: City Manager's Report

1. One of the City's major projects is the annexation of Irvington Farms. On January 31, the public hearing record closed, and City staff is preparing a report which will catalogue and review issues raised by individuals and agencies. This report should be completed by February 19 and will be distributed to all interested parties. A meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on

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February 25 to review the information contained in the summary, and to provide staff with direction as to preparation of the annexation agreement.

2. The new Cable Channel 8 is featuring a series of stories on municipalities in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area, and Rockville is one of the first communities to receive this coverage. The show will be aired on Wednesday, February 12, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Re: Recognition of sponsors of
Rockville Holiday Fund
Drive

The Mayor Pro Tem and Council presented Certificates to the following individuals/organizations for their outstanding support of the Rockville Holiday Fund Drive:

Shirley Gutschick, on behalf of Kay and Ralph Mitchel
The Junior Woman's Club of Rockville
Association of Administrative Municipal Employees
C & P Telephone Company
CMI Corporate Management, Inc.
Community Action Team of East Rockville
Ardell Shirley Hilliard
IBM
The Emeralds
Arnold Longstreth
Nordstrom at Montgomery Mall
Patton, Harris, Rust & Associates
Shady Grove Adventist Hospital
Woodley Gardens Babysitting Coop

Computer Data Systems, Inc. was recognized as being the highest corporate contributor since the inception of the Holiday Fund Drive. There were many other individuals and organizations who made significant contributions but were not able to be present.

Re: Citizens' Forum

At this time, the Mayor Pro Tem opened the meeting to hear from any citizen who wished to address the Mayor and Council. There being no citizens wishing to be heard, the Mayor

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Pro Tem closed the Citizens' Forum portion of the meeting.

Re: Appointments

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Carol Hannaford was reappointed to a one-year term as Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission.

Councilmember Coyle expressed appreciation for Ms. Hannaford's leadership during the past year and referenced the outstanding worksession the Mayor and Council recently held with the Human Rights Commission.

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Robert Turner was appointed to a three-year term on the Sign Review Board.

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Stephen Elmendorf was appointed as the Rockville Chamber of Commerce Representative to the Stormwater Management Task Force.

Upon motion of Councilmember Krasnow, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Dirk Schenck was appointed as the Recreation and Park Advisory Board Representative to the Stormwater Management Task Force.

Re: Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the minutes of Meeting No. 02-92 (January 21, 1992) were approved, as written.

Upon motion of Councilmember Krasnow, duly seconded, with Councilmember Robbins abstaining, the minutes of Meeting No. 03-92 (January 27, 1992) were approved, as written.

Re: Consent Agenda

Councilmember Coyle referenced the Bid Awards for replacement vehicles and asked

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if these awards are consistent with the disposition schedule approved last year for City vehicles. The City Manager responded in the affirmative. Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

- A. Award of Bid No. 52-92, Purchase of Tow Truck, to Central GMC, Inc., Landover, Maryland, for the low bid of \$34,995.

This bid will provide a replacement vehicle for the Motor Vehicle Maintenance Division. The amount budgeted for this purchase is \$35,000.

- B. Award of Bid No. 53-92, Purchase of Two 20 Cubic Yard Refuse Compactor Bodies and Truck Chassis, to District

International Trucks, Inc., Tuxedo, Maryland, for the low bid of \$70,652 for the two truck chassis, and to Waddle Truck Equipment, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, for the low bid of \$38,170 for the two refuse compactor bodies.

Sufficient funds are budgeted for the two replacement vehicles for the Refuse Division.

- C. Award of Bid No. 56-92, Purchase of One Contractors Truck, to District International Trucks, Inc., Tuxedo, Maryland, for the low bid of \$27,740.

This vehicle will be used by the Streets and Drainage Division of the Public Works Department in the catch basin rebuilding program.

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Although only \$22,000 was budgeted for this purchase, there are sufficient monies available for the remaining cost.

- D. Award of Bid No. 63-92, Purchase of Two One-Ton Crewcab Service Trucks, from JKJ Chevrolet, Vienna, Virginia, for the low bid of \$38,536.

These replacement vehicles will be used by the Streets and Drainage Division in their maintenance programs. Funds in the amount of \$42,250 have been budgeted for this purchase.

- E. Award of Bid No. 81-92, Purchase of Modular Office Building System, from Mobile Offices of Maryland, Inc., White Marsh, Maryland, for the low bid of \$64,764.

This bid is to provide additional office space, a ladies restroom and shower facilities and a crew supervisors area at the Maintenance Complex on Rothgeb Drive. Funds in the amount of \$68,000 have been budgeted for this project.

- F. Award of Bid No. 82-92, Exterior Accessibility, Phase I, to A.A.A. Construction for the low bid amount of \$45,735.

Sufficient funds are budgeted for this project to complete construction of the exterior accessibility plans for the Rockville Senior Center.

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- G. Authorization to City Manager to execute an agreement between the City and the Henry M. Jackson foundation, a private corporation, establishing conditions for issuance of a City permit allowing installation of a 700-foot long communication cable within the public right-of-way at Taft Court and Gude Drive.

Re: Approval of the 1993-98 Master Plan for the Art in Public Places Program

The City Manager noted that this Plan is the product of extensive work on the part of the Cultural Arts Commission. The Plan was presented to the Mayor and Council at an earlier meeting and was the subject of a recent worksession. The changes requested by the Mayor and Council have been incorporated into the Plan.

The Plan will be effective through 1998; however, it was noted that the structure is flexible. With respect to expanding the number of neighborhood representatives in the site selection process, Councilmember Coyle was advised that this can be achieved as the Plan is currently written. Councilmember Krasnow commented that this is an excellent Plan and pointed out for the audience that the Cultural Arts Commission will not fund any new projects in FY93, but will undertake a larger project in Town Center at an appropriate later time.

Mr. Lechter, Chairperson of the Cultural Arts Commission, commented that he had received a letter from Greg Baylor, Director of Recreation and Parks, thanking the Commission for all of their work. On behalf of the Commission, Mr. Lechter expressed appreciation to Mr. Baylor for his support of their mission and wished him well in his new position.

Mayor Pro Tem Robbins thanked the Commission members who were present for their efforts.

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Re: Staff report regarding
parking availability at
Courthouse Square.

This is a continuation of the discussion from the last meeting of the Mayor and Council focusing on requests to provide additional short-term parking as part of the soon-to-be completed Courthouse Square Improvement Project. (*A video was shown depicting the general area being discussed.*) Staff is recommending the addition of four parking spaces near the entrance to the Judicial Center as the most suitable location for the short-term parking. A barricade with a new sign would be installed at a cost of \$5,000. A schematic diagram to this effect was included in the brief book.

Staff has been requested to survey the business community to determine the viability of the proposal and has commenced this effort. A positive response is anticipated inasmuch as the request for short-term parking came from the business community. The Mayor Pro Tem and Council could move forward and approve the proposal tonight with the understanding that, if substantial negative feedback is received, staff would bring the matter back to the Mayor and Council.

Discussion followed regarding the bollards and the fact that they may sustain damage or cause damage to vehicles parking at the proposed site. It was noted that there is ample room for parking without causing damage to either the bollards or parked vehicles.

Councilmember Coyle expressed concern regarding fire and emergency vehicle access and requested that staff contact the Fire and Rescue Services Department to ensure that these vehicles could get in and out with cars parked at the proposed site.

Councilmember Marrinan requested that the Planning Commission be given an opportunity to comment on this proposal prior to approval by the Mayor and Council.

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With respect to the cost of the barricade and new signage, the City Manager noted that the current signage is confusing and suggests that motorists cannot go any further. In addition to providing clear direction, the proposed new signage would also enhance the entrance to the Judicial Center.

Councilmember Krasnow commented that, given the expense involved, she is hesitant to approve this proposal prior to receiving input from the business community and the Planning Commission. She further indicated that the whole issue of parking may need to be refined, including the parking against bollards on the North Washington Street end of the square.

As to accessible, short-term parking for disabled persons, Mayor Pro Tem Robbins was advised that staff will review whether there is a requirement to designate handicapped parking among the proposed four spaces. There is handicapped parking located on the North Washington Street end of the square.

Councilmember Coyle indicated he would be willing to delay action pending information on the fire and rescue access and input from others. In the interim, he asked if staff could redesign an attractive sign for less money.

The business community was given a deadline of February 28 for comments; therefore, the issue will be brought back before the Mayor and Council some time in March once the Planning Commission comments have been received.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

Maryland Municipal League Conference and Exposition

Councilmember Coyle inquired as to the benefit to the City of participating in the exposition. The City Manager responded that last year was the first year of the exposition and the

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City was the recipient of the League's Award for Excellence. The booth was used to distribute information regarding Rockville's community policing and other programs, and Rockville was the only city to participate last year along with private corporations and state agencies. It was agreed that Rockville would not have a booth in this year's exposition.

Rockville Arts Place Director Resigns

Mayor Pro Tem Robbins was advised that staff is not aware of the effective date of Mr. Rasmussen's resignation.

Re: New Business

Councilmember Coyle reported that he has been designated as the regional representative for the Small Cities Council, a committee of the National League of Cities.

The issues of review of the City Charter and compensation for elected officials were raised by Councilmember Coyle, and he suggested the formation of a task force/commission to determine appropriate charter amendment revisions as well as compensation for the Mayor and Council. This could be a standing committee which meets every two or four years.

As to precedent for such a task force, the City Attorney advised Mayor Pro Tem Robbins that the City had a Charter Review Commission about 10 years ago. Periodically, it is a good idea to review the Charter for either modifications or additions. Insofar as compensation is concerned, this can be changed by ordinance once a public hearing has been held; a charter amendment would not be required. There is no reason, however, why a joint charter review/compensation task force could not be created.

Councilmember Marrinan emphasized the need to develop a systematic method for reviewing compensation and the charter.

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It was agreed that the City Attorney would present the Mayor and Council with a series of options for proceeding with this task force.

Councilmember Marrinan thanked senior staff for their excellent presentations this past Saturday.

Mayor Pro Tem Robbins referenced a potential traffic safety problem for school children at the corner of Dundee and Glenora. On more than one occasion, children have been waved across the street as cars are coming off of Wootton Parkway onto Dundee at a high rate of speed. The City Manager was requested to follow-up in this matter as to the installation of school crossing signs at this intersection.

Re: Next Meeting

On February 18, two public hearings will be held: Street Closing and Abandonment Applications SCA-64-91 and SCA-65-91.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m., to convene again in Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. on February 18, 1992, or at the call of the Mayor.